**Principal’s Message**

**Important Professional Learning Opportunity**

The provision of quality professional learning opportunities is an important strategy to achieve the strategic directions that will move our school community forward. Our school leaders and teachers are committed to the ongoing development of their skills and capacity to provide quality teaching that will improve learning outcomes for all SIPPS students. Please see more details in the flyer attached.

Next term, there is an exceptional opportunity for all our teaching staff to attend a conference which will give them access to internationally renowned speakers and workshops by inspiring educators from schools who are at the forefront of 21st Century teaching and learning. These include: Kevin Honeycutt, Carl Jarvis, Dr Kristy Goodwin, and Steven Harris. Details are in the flyer on next page.

For this to be possible I am asking for support from all parents and carers so we can change our December 17 pupil free day to Friday June 19. Having this professional learning opportunity earlier in the school year has a much more positive impact on improving teaching/learning outcomes than one scheduled for the second last day of the year as teachers can make use of their professional learning to benefit students sooner and for longer rather than later.
iOTF3: The Collision of Pedagogy and Learning Space

Incredible local and international speakers live, in person

Keynote - Kevin Honeycutt
Carl Jarvis - Dr Kristy Goodwin - Emma Marshall and Ana Sala-Oviedo - Steven Harris - plus many more inspiring educators across a broad range of practical workshop sessions.

Essential questions for a critical time

- Is your pedagogy connected to your learning space?
- What will learning look like in 2020, and is that any different to 2010?
- How will you build authentic learning experiences for your learners?
- What can we do to inspire our learners to take control of their own learning?
- What does the ‘best case’ scenario look like for us and our students in 2015?
- What is a flexible learning space and why are schools designing such spaces?

Cost: $220 ex GST per educator.
Catering is provided throughout the conference.
Consider moving a term 4 staff development day for 2015 so all teachers can attend!

Turramurra Nth PS: June 19
300 places available only

This is a MyPL Registered Course
Code and Information TBA

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Stage 2 Raw Art
This year, Stage 2 has programmed four workshops with Raw Art to enhance the teaching and learning of visual arts to students in Years 3 and 4. Last week in their first workshop students worked collaboratively in teams to create spectacular murals featuring symbols and icons of Australia.
Sydney Swans
Last Thursday the students enjoyed a presentation from two members of the Sydney Swan’s Team, Josh Kennedy and Alex Johnson. The players gave the students some instruction on specific AFL skills that they will learn and use in our Term 3 Auskick program. Information about the local AFL club competition has been sent home for those families who are interested.
New School Caps
The uniform shop is now selling legionnaires caps which are an alternative option for students when they are outside participating in sporting events or regular playtime activities. If students choose to wear these instead of the full brim hat they must have the flap out to provide full coverage of the neck area.

Harmony Day
A reminder that students are invited to add something orange to their regular sports uniform this Friday 20 March to celebrate Harmony Day. Next Tuesday, members of our SRC will be attending Harmony Day celebrations at Sir Eric Woodward School.

Warm regards.
Gillian Tegg
Principal

Volunteers Needed

Funding Opportunities for the Eco-Garden - Volunteers Required!
We have identified some funding opportunities in relation to the Eco-Garden and would like to assemble a team of volunteers who have an interest or experience in:
- Gardening
- Environmental sustainability
- Growing their own food, and showing SIPPS students how to do this

Volunteers would form a Project Group to champion the Eco-Garden and its role in SIPPS and the wider St Ives Community. At this stage, we require volunteers to brainstorm ideas for ways in which we can maximize our chances of getting funding. For more information on the Grant, click here: http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/schools.htm
If you would like to contribute your ideas, please email angela@australiandancefestival.com.au
Notes from Office

- Year 6 students moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2016: All Expression of Interest forms are due back by Friday 20\textsuperscript{th} March.

- Stage 3 (Grades 5/6) Camp is scheduled to take place in Week 3 of Term 2. Excursion and medical notes are being prepared and should come home this week.

- Stage 3 Excursion – Thursday 19\textsuperscript{th} March: Signed permission notes should all be in by Tuesday 17\textsuperscript{th} March.

- Please continue to send in your payments for the Term 1 Invoice/statement. All payments due by March 27\textsuperscript{th}. Thank you.

Library

Scholastic Book Club orders close on Wednesday 18\textsuperscript{th} March.

Please note we cannot accept cash payments for Book Club.

Uniform Shop

We are looking for volunteers to help in the uniform shop next term. We’re open from 8:45 - 10am on odd week Wednesdays. If you can help out just one day a term it would be very much appreciated. Please let me know in the playground or email me at sippsuniforms@yahoo.com.au

Don’t forget you can also order your uniform via email. We have direct debit available so your child can collect the uniform from the office while you pay online.

Thanks,
Matt
P&C Meeting Wed 18th March

Our next P&C Meeting is this Wednesday 18th March, and it will be held in the Library - 7.15 refreshments for 7.30 - 9.00 pm. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. Please let me know if you wish to add any items to the Agenda below:

**Agenda**

**FORMALITIES**
- Attendees (present/apologies)
- Approval of previous minutes
- Communications

**REPORTS**
- President's report
- Principal's report
- Treasurer's report

**EXPENDITURE**
- Planned expenditure and Wish List for 2015

**INCOME**
- Sources of income for 2015
  - Fundraising events, incl
  - Election Day fundraising, Easter hat Parade, Entertainment Book
  - Bare Creek Trail Run
- Presentation: Proposal to expand BCTR event.
- Grant application for Food Garden

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- Canteen
- Uniform Shop
- Environment
- Tennis Courts
- Class Parents
- PR

- Festival on the Green

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

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Keith Oliver
P&C President
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Dear SIPPS Parents,

ELECTION DAY IS COMING NEAR AND WE NEED YOUR HELP! No we don't want your vote, we want your time, baked goods and good quality used books and toys! As you will be aware the P& C is holding a fundraising event on Election Day, Saturday 28th March. This is an excellent opportunity to raise much needed funds to purchase equipment for the students to enhance their educational experience at school.

St Ives Park School is in the great position of being a polling booth for the election and we want to make the most of that opportunity to raise funds for our school. Last year Election Day was a very successful fundraiser and also a really fun day. It is a day when a lot of the St Ives community come to our school and we can raise funds outside of the direct school community.

For this to occur your help is needed and we require volunteers to help supervise the stalls on the day. We also need baked cakes and muffins to be sold on the day. We are also having a second hand book and toy stall and will be requesting parents to drop off donations in the week leading up to the day. Anything not sold will be passed on to charity.

Please let me know if and how you could provide help for this important event.

It is our goal to supply and man a bake sale, BBQ and "Trash 'n' Treasure' stall from 8.00a.m. to 2.30p.m. but we cannot do this without your help.

In order for this day to be a successful money raiser for our school we need your help. We will require stallholders / cooks on the day and also lots of baked goodies to sell at our bake stall.

Baking: every family will receive a cake box, a slice tray, a set of instructions and suggested recipes. Please fill the cake box and slice tray with HOMEMADE baked goodies for the bake sale.

Items must be homemade and the ingredients must be written on the box or attached to the slice tray.

You do not have to be a cook, please feel free to ask grandma, aunt or a friend, anyone who may be able to help. You can cook your favourite recipe or you can try one of the attached recipes. Please do not hesitate to ask for more boxes if needed.
Thank you for contributing to the fundraising efforts of our school and I look forward to seeing you on Election Day.

Please place “x” beside what you would like to do.
Name __________________________
I WOULD LIKE TO HELP ON THE DAY ______
ON THE BAKE STALL ______
ON THE BBQ ______
ON TRASH ’N’ TREASURE ___________
I WOULD LIKE TO HELP ON THE STALL AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:
(Please ‘x’ as many time slots as you want!)
8a.m. – 10a.m. ______
9a.m. – 11.a.m. ______
10a.m. – 12.a.m. ______
11a.m. – 1.p.m. ______
12.p.m. – 2.p.m. ______
1.00p.m. – 2.30.p.m. ______
Clean Up ___________
Beck Connolly
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